

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (canceled)

Claim 34: (cancelled)

Claim 35: (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 34, further comprising:~~ A method for presenting billing information via a network, comprising:

transmitting a notice according to an e-mail protocol, via a network, indicating availability of billing information;

transmitting a request according to a protocol other than an e-mail protocol, via the network, to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice;

transmitting at least a portion of the billing information, via the network, responsive to receipt of the request; and

formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 36: (Cancelled)

Claim 37: (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 34,~~ A method for presenting billing information via a network, comprising:

transmitting a notice according to an e-mail protocol, via a network, indicating availability of billing information;

transmitting a request according to a protocol other than an e-mail protocol, via the network, to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice;
and

transmitting at least a portion of the billing information, via the network, responsive to receipt of the request;

wherein the notice includes information indicating a location of the available billing information on the network.

Claim 38: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the information indicating a location of the available billing information is a hyper-link, further comprising:

selecting the hyper-link to transmit the request.

Claim 39: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the hyper-link is an icon.

Claim 40: (Previously Presented) A method for presenting billing information, comprising:

transmitting, via a network, an e-mail notice indicating availability of billing information;

transmitting, via the network, an e-mail request to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice; and

transmitting, via the network, at least a portion of the billing information responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 41: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 42: (Cancelled)

Claim 43: (Previously Presented) A method for presenting billing information, comprising:

transmitting, via a network, a notice indicating availability of billing information, the notice transmitted according to a network protocol other than e-mail;

transmitting, via the network, a request to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice, the request transmitted according to a network protocol other than e-mail; and

transmitting, via the network, at least a portion of the billing information responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 44: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 45: (Cancelled)

Claim 46: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the notice includes information indicating a location of the available billing information on the network.

Claim 47: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the information indicating a location of the available billing information is a hyper-link, further comprising:

selecting the hyper-link to transmit the request.

Claim 48: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the hyper-link is an icon.

Claim 49: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the notice and the request are each transmitted according to a same network protocol other than e-mail.

Claim 50 (Cancelled)

Claim 51 (Previously Presented) An system for bill presentment, comprising:

a memory configured to store billing information; and

a processor configured to transmit a notice to a payer via e-mail indicating availability of a bill and to receive a request from the payer via e-mail for the available bill;

wherein the request is transmitted responsive to receipt of the notice; and

wherein the bill is transmitted to the payer responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 52: (Previously Presented) A system for bill presentment , comprising:

a memory configured to store billing information; and

at least one processor configured to transmit, via a network protocol other than an e-mail protocol, a notice to a payer indicating availability of billing information, and to receive a request, via a network protocol other than an e-mail protocol, from the payer to receive the billing information;

wherein the request is transmitted responsive to receipt of the notice; and

wherein the bill is transmitted to the payer responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 53: (Previously Presented) The system of claim 52, wherein the notice and the request are each transmitted according to a same network protocol other than an e-mail protocol.